

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) GRANT PROGRAM
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The following chart is intended to give an idea of items that, based on current interpretation, are and are not eligible for reimbursement by the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant program administered by the Department of Natural Resources. This list is by no means all-inclusive. Any eligibility question(s) should be directed to a VFA Program Manager (contact information found at the end of this chart).

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<i>Eligible Items</i>	<i>Ineligible Items</i>
<i>Personal Protective Equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal safety equipment—wildland fire and structural; given high priority and must meet NIOSH (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health), NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) or OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) STANDARDS Fire protective clothing—structural or wildland PASS devices Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Back cans Filters & replacement filters for breathing apparatus Personnel Accountability System 	<i>Personal Protective Equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thermal imaging cameras/devices; fire finder Clothing for HazMat/EMT/Search and Rescue operations
<i>Communication equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radios-mobile & portable/Pagers— with batteries and warranty at initial purchase— must be compatible with the state governmental radio plan; multi-channel radios should include county fire and FIRECOM frequencies; WISTAC and MARC compatibility recommended. Radios should also meet the federal narrowband frequency standard. Chargers Carrying cases Installation/programming/reprogramming fees for fire dept vehicles Base station and repeater towers; moving of repeater towers Back up power systems at radio tower sites to include solar panels 	<i>Communication equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back up power systems at dispatch center Replacement batteries for radios and pagers Fax machines Mobile phones and related charges Maintenance of existing towers
<i>Prevention Projects</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posters Handouts Smoke detectors Numbering systems Urban interface videos and brochures Plat books Firewise materials 	<i>Prevention Projects</i>
<i>Dry Hydrants (water points)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry hydrants and equipment for and installation of dry hydrants (includes culverts for close access) Adapters to match appropriate portable pump suction hose <p><i>Please note</i> that if you do receive dry hydrant funding, one of the following first two bulleted items <u>will be required</u> for your project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a body of water that is a <u>public waterway</u>, a DNR-approved Application/Permit for Dry Hydrant Projects (Form 3500-96) that covers the period of the installation, or a DNR letter of exemption from submittal of the Application/Permit for Dry Hydrant Projects. Contact your local DNR representative for assistance and to assure that you have a valid dry hydrant permit to send the VFA Grant Manager. <i>Dry Hydrant Permit Application Form available on the DNR website at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/thp/waterway/hydrants.htm</i> If the body of water is a <u>private body of water</u>, i.e. farm pond, then a letter from the private landowner that gives permission for the dry 	<i>Dry Hydrants (water points)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrants for city water Repair and/or maintenance of existing dry hydrants Underground water tank

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<p>hydrant is sufficient. Contact your local DNR representative for a copy of publication PUB-FR-044/2003Rev, A Guide to Planning and Installing Dry Fire Hydrants, that has a sample landowner letter to use as a guide.</p>	
<p><i>Equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumps • Hose • Class A foam (USDA Approved)/foam equipment • Class B foam • Structural and Wildland tools • Equipment • Suction hose in diameters suitable for matching portable pumps • Portable pumps, slip-on units, hose and suppression tools to outfit 4x4 vehicles • Portable generators • Tool (cache) hauling trailer (in Wisconsin a trailer <u>and</u> load that exceeds 3,000 pounds must be licensed as a vehicle with the Dept. of Transportation) • Portable Tank – maximum capacity 4,000 gal. 	<p><i>Equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of buildings or fire trucks, regardless of size or cost. • HazMat equipment • EMT equipment • Search and rescue equipment • Trailer for hauling ATV • Body work and refurbishing of any vehicle • Underground water tank
<p><i>Training</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos • Structural, Wildland and Incident Command System certified training and tuition for attending classes • LP Gas Training Simulator/Training • Multi-media Projectors/Screens • VCRs, TV – up to a maximum \$500 • Speaker Fees • Software and computers that support ArcView 	<p><i>Training</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Structural and non-Wildland fire training • Forcible entry wall • Fire training tower/splashboard • Laptop/computer • Digital camera • Video camera
<p><i>Eligible Project Costs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible costs for items purchased and received and for services rendered during the project period, and • Paid from the grantee's account or that of a member of the county or area fire association • Freight/shipping charges • Quotes/bids publication notice costs 	<p><i>Ineligible Project Costs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of items purchased and received and of services rendered before or after the project period • Items purchased from an account other than that of the grantee or its membership • Donated or in-kind labor, materials or equipment • Items for which payment has been or will be received under another federal or state financial assistance program • Sales tax • Costs incurred in a contract which creates a real or apparent conflict of interest

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